DeSoto says no to courthouse film

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No lights, no cameras and no movie will be shot using the picturesque DeSoto County Courthouse in Hernando, Miss.

The county Board of Supervisors voted unanimously Monday to reject a request to use the courthouse for three weeks in March or April to film a story about what would have happened had there been a trial for James Earl Ray.

Ken Murphree, county administrator, said he did not know the name of the movie or the name of the production company. "I was contacted by a man named Kenneth Herman who said he represented a movie production company from London, England."

Murphree advised against granting the request, contending that the production company would be too disruptive with a fairly heavy volume of court activity, plus the other county government operations.

The board members agreed.

Ray pleaded guilty to the April 4, 1968, slaying of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in Memphis.

He had been captured in England by Scotland Yard after a worldwide manhunt and is serving a 99-year sentence at the state penitentiary (in Nashville)

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CORRECTIONS & AMPLIFICATIONS

James Earl Ray, who killed Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., is serving a 99-year sentence at Brushy Mountain State Penitentiary in Petros, Tenn. A story Tuesday reported that he is in a different prison.